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**SIMTAX Wins Recognition from Public Administrators Society**

**OLYMPIA, Wash., May 8**—The Washington Department of Revenue's work on a simulated tax (SIMTAX) application was recognized Wednesday evening by the Evergreen Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

During its annual service awards event, the organization awarded the agency and House Finance Committee staff an honorable mention for development of an easy way to evaluate potential changes to the state's tax structure.

SIMTAX is an excel-based application that translates complicated technical modeling into simple, easy-to-understand tables and charts. It was developed in 2002 to help the Washington Tax Structure Committee evaluate potential changes to the state's tax structure.

Receiving the award were Mary Welsh, assistant director of Research for the Department of Revenue; Don Gutmann, Research program manager; and Rick Peterson, senior revenue analyst for the House Finance Committee.

SIMTAX is available online at [http://dor.wa.gov/content/WAtaxstudy/Tax\\_Design.htm](http://dor.wa.gov/content/WAtaxstudy/Tax_Design.htm).

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